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CHAP, VIII. I worlish Grit meets with an old acquaintance.

The Hotel de Lille and Albion, where Zucharian Grit had taken up his above, a lew minutes walk of the Palace of the Thuna lew minutes walk of the Palace of the Thuncores, which had now a very sombre, downcast,
out-of spirits look. Notwichstanding the interorganize of the first Republic, and the brilliant
days it had seen under the Empire, it had been
used, for so many long years, to the presence of
used, for so many long years, to the presence of
the reditary royalty "by divine right," that it
hereditary royalty a that indicated an interest to stand a squintin' at that yar obstacle, for
all folks calls it one of King Chop's milestones, sot up on end. I'm for walkin', ef you
are, not being bound nowhar partikler this
morning; or of you're a mind for a quiet talk,
there aren't no easier place than down under
that wall yonder, in the sun." rish Grit had taken up his abode, was within arown of the menarch of 1830, and set both up at The long rows of windows, I hangings, were dim and grimy with On the panes of glass, where the rain had pla hed and run down in streamthere were long streaks, which might alen taken for the channels of tears the venerable old edifice, on finding

mountly styled the canaille by one of the The that surmounted the building drooped dingly, all discolored and limp, and shout its staff as if abandoned by all live ier motion being imparted to it existing Government. But, though gloomy appearances in this direc-, stratching their strong and brawny m ride to side, and forming friendly nviting to reclusion and contempla

once more given up to that section of the

nd which seemed to have flourished all the changes the old palace had seen, if they would outlive a good many dy-It is true, they were just now d of leaves, save here and there a one, ere was about them a stalwart, sturdy not to be mistaken, and that impressed them, with the idea that the leaves yet it fur? come were likely to afford shelter to the

Zachsriah had takan a marvellous fancy to one at the statuary; to admire the bright, tumnal flowers, and the neatly-kept beds; watch the gambols of the laughing, ruddyhemselves up to the exuberance of their young first, and darted hither, thither, and overyabove, greatly to the discomfiture of the rking nurses in clean white caps nd arrows who had them in charge, and not les , as it seemed, to that of the military gallants, who were here and there paying one of

atmosphere at all times of the floor, and made a sign for Zach to enter.

But Zach's eye had rested on the key of the it had neculiar attractions for Zach. Peron the flowers were brighter there : or, possiewarded with one of her sweetest smiles ple act of courtesy which he, by chance that way a few mornings after his had rendered to her, and when but for

Vithout, however, attempting posicount for the constancy of his mornthe garden of the Thuileries, but draly recording the fact as veracious chronible space, and examining for the twen-

for want of better occupation, the the gravel alternately with his toes seasionally breaking off to throw

om one of the side avenues. He atly a stranger, judging from the various objects in the garden. Re ge. His complexion, not natuare or red, had been burnt by expoo the sun, till it had acquired the hue of y; but this accident only served to from me." adey of his clear, hard, gray eyes, and to faultless in point of regularity, but and with so much harshness, resolution, insuality above all, as altogether to mar asked Aveling.

"You only kep' half your bargain," replied Critical Parts and the service of the expression of a countenance that might have passed for handsome. He was hough a certain swagger pervaded his general

in a line with the bench on which ch was seated, and some twenty paces or ant from it. His cyes were fixed on the of the Luxor, which, seen from this presents a remarkably elegant outline

Zach's unick eve rested on the stranger for 28 he for shwith resumed the melody which a ffered a momentary interruption. The out no sooner caught sight of the per-

mer than he stepped forward with a quick intending to go out at the gate, and avoid gnition of an individual whose acquaintscarding all form and ceremonial of approach Mr. Aveling! sir! You're looking skeared

Mark saw there was no evading Zachariah and, putting on an air of surprise, as though he had only that moment recognised him, answer-

I beg pardon! Oh, yes; dear me! Zacha-h Gris! Well, really, until you spoke, I was

this part of the world. I thought you were

hanged long ago."

"I tuk a new lease, Squire," retorted Zach,
"started fresh, and, onless I has oncommon bad luck, I 'xpects now to die honestly, when my time's come. What's kep' you from the

Aveling's countenance underwent a marked change, and his eyes kindled with anger; he contrived, however, to maintain his self-composure, and answered, with a forced laugh:

"You are jocular, Zachariah. But, you really must excuse me; I have important business on hand, and cannot be detained."

"". you listen to me, Mr. Aveling," retorted Zach, deliberately, at the same time necking himself on to Aveling's arm, with a grip that indicated an intention of not loosing it soon; ef you're in sech a hurry, you needn't

that wall yonder, in the sun."

"Really, Mister Grit, you must excuse me,"
remonstrated Mark, resisting Zach's effort to
pull him towards the spot he had indicated, another time; to-merrow; but I cannot now.

said Zach, clenching his victim's arm still tighter, "and I've larnt that the best way to circumvent their wrigglements is to kip tight hold on 'em when once you've nicked 'em. Your company's agreeable, jest now. You've turned up agin, onexpected, like a drowned man, and afore I gives you line, I'm for squaring an old matter or two attricts and and are in a square transmitted. ing an old matter or two atwirt me and you, as you knows on. We'll come to an onder-standing 'bout these yar trifles as sharp as blinkin', and then, Mr. Aveling, you may take long strides till you're furder off from me than the beginning of the world, for anything I koars about ever setting eyes on you agin ; that's a fact ; yes, sir."

Aveling felt greatly embarrassed. He evidently knew his man, for he made no further attempt to release himself from his grip. He did not, however, proceed in the direction Zach had intimated, but pointing to the gate,

Well, Zach, I'm for listening to what you have to say, but I would rather walk home-"To home, then, Mark," replied Grit; "is

"Behind the Madeleine, just round the correat-grandchildren of the children then play-neg and scampering about beneath their giant Aveling. Will you breakfast with me?"

"So," was the quick response, "Pm hungry some, and meals don't come quite regular withgardens of the Thuileries. He loved to out money; though this yar's a screeching er about in the avenues; to stand and cheap place to live in, purvided you're noways partic'lar 'bout what's give you to eat, and how it's seasoned." "Out of money, then, as usual, Zachariah?"

remarked Aveling, and at that same moment a shadow passed across his countenance, as though some disagreeable thought had occur-Truth, Mister Aveling," retorted Zach;

for want of honest folks like you payin' their

The hint did not appear to call up any very near the Place de la Concorde entrance of in the least disposed to thrust his conversation that foul murder upon the real perpetrator. He is eat along of a man that's got blo dy hands.

"I'll foller your track, Mark."

Aveling's face flushed. He had noticed the out the key and following him into the room. closed the door deliberately, locked it, and put

ling, pale with enger, "what do you mean?"
"Business, Mark Aveling," retorted Zach.

now you have me in close quarters, may I know will conceal himself, and await the last act of what you expect me to do?"

latter, he drew out a long Bowie knife, in a deep are the curses he mutters whilst valuely clutching a rope to su; port his totte ing steps, leathern sheath, which he presently removed, seeking the deadly weapon stamped with his he heard a glad child's laugh. Loc ing up, he turning the broad haft towards Aveling. It name. He gives it up at last, and then pro-was done deliberately; and Mark's eye became ceeds to loose the horse, which he leads to the her ease, on the turning and rolling floor, truwas done deliberately, and mark a do been im-riveted upon the weapon, as if it had been im-bued with some extraordinary and irresistible plunge, and a heavy plash, and the dumb beast rigging, which had been given her by an old

war that night." "I see, I see!" observed Aveling, with a bit-

it to me, I can't keep honest"

As he spoke, he ripped open the left breas

of his coat, and from between the cloth and the lining drew out a small packet of papers, out carefully on the marble slab of the table. "There's your bold hand, Mark," he contin-

"I don't want to know the date," exclaimed

He then proceeded to count out the

The deadly pallor which had overspread Mark's countenance on seeing the knife, became even more ghastly, and his bright eye quailed under the steady, determined gaze that met it. His strong frame suddenly began to tremble so violently, as though it were convulsed. His lips, too, turned white, whilst the perspiration rolled down his face in heavy drops. He passed his unnerved hand across his damp brow, and groaned deeply. The pichis damp brow, and groaned deeply. The pic-ture of a dark deed has risen vividly before him, in all the detail of its fearful reality.

A young man, elated with joy, is returning home on horseback. He has just quitted the object of his affections. She has that night promised to link her fate with his, and as he proceeds on his journey, he dreams of the years of happiness in store for him. His rival has been rejected with haughtiness, and is probably brooding over his disappointment. The young man is so happy, that the misery of his rival—of which he draws no nureal picture—creates in his bosom a feeling akin to commiseration. It passes away, however, presently. He comes to a turn in the highway, and hesitates a moment. He has yet some eight miles to travel; by turning off here, and cutting across his rival's state, some three miles may be saved. The path lies through a dense wood, in the midst of which is a swamp, extending thence for many miles. He knows the track well, for he has often used it before. It is moonlight, which | exclaimed: encourages him to plunge boldly into the dark avenue. He is well in the wood, near the swamp, when all at once his horse stops. The young man plies whip and spur in vain. Something surely scares the animal. It is only the glimmer of the moon through the trees; and the dark shadow that flitted across the path, just then, was probably only a wildcat. So he pats then, was probably only a wildcat. So lie pats his horse on the neck, and encourages him with his voice. Still the sagacious beast resolutely did not attempt to break silence, he aid: refuses to proceed, and twists around on his haunches, making desperate efforts to avoid some concealed danger. But the young man persists, the horse struggling and plunging in opposition, presently uttering a shrick of agony his master falls backwards, and rolls out of ago' the saddle, suddenly struck to the heart by a hand unseen. The assassin catches at the rein, and secures the affrighted steed to a tree, lest he should make for home, and raise an alarm. scene beasts of prey resort, that he does not observe his loss until too late. Then he returns to the fatal spot, and, guided by a faint streak of moonlight, gropes about on the green sward, but finds not what he is seeking. Now and then his hands come into slippery contact with something oozy and soft, that makes his blood cardle as they touch it, but which he dabbles of may respect. You arn't for breakfast, Dw, I see Seems the edge of your appetite's Pae, sence beasts of prey resort, that he does not me alone."

"Woll spoke up, Mark," retorted Prit; "ef that's your way of seein' on it, I'm agreeable. I'm a dog as don't bark afore he knows he can bite, and sometimes I bites and don't bark at all. We onderstands one another, I regkon; and there aim no love lost atween to go on her mother's lap, her hope and faith faltered. She felt that she was alone in the world, and she sought out a corner to go. Had the superintendent particularly interested himself in the child, he would have another and there aim no love lost atween to go on her mother's lap, her hope and faith faltered. She felt that she was alone in the world, and she sought out a corner to go. Had the superintendent particularly interested himself in the child, he would have sought some communication with her parents. Seems the edge of your appetite's Pae, sence But setting down her name as a charity schol. cene beasts of prey resort, that he does not me alone."

os. It goes by the name of La Petite upon his companion, who led the way to a not aware that there has been a living witness It's expleasant and onwholesome. I u've give so called because of its southern as handsomely furnished chamber on the second to that deed—an individual who, prowling in me your mind—that's a mossel of pine. I've the world by night, setting traps for game, only got one more thing to tell you and that chances to be within ear-shot of the dying is, that Leonard Wray and Miss M ly are in But Zach's eye had rested on the key of the door, which was outside. For some reason he hesitated, and, instead of entering the apart-ment, made way for Mark, saying:

| So do I! So do I. Mister Gri | replied home—and only remembered the blind child of the voyage at mements when his own laughing corpse dragged to the swamp, and whilst the | me?" murderer is engaged in disposing of it, turns suspicious glance Zach had cast upon him, and quite understood it; but he passed in, without saying a word. As he did so, Zach took some token which may serve as a clue to one keeping his eye on Mark the while of the parties, or both. His sight is keen, and ing unlocked the door, threw the ke | upon the her small fingers over the curiously-raised letthe glare of his lamp presently falls upon a table, and deliberately withdrew, lesting Mark

the key in his pocket.

"Zachariah! Mister Grit!" exclaimed Avebowie knife, on the haft of which he detects, influshed and angry countenance. laid in silver letters, a name well known to him, and not in good repute even in Charleston. He believe as I trusts you. You're a down cute a dark stain upon that shining blade. Never-

riled," answered Zach, "cause it wont do you the stillness of the night! The turbid waters child to whom He never gave eyes to lock upon of the swamp have closed over the dead man, any of these beautiful things. "Mother! dear mother!" Mittie would come the swamp have closed over the dead man, any of these beautiful things. then I reckon it 'ud come to which was toughest at a close hug, and one on us mightn't get spot where the corpse now lies. The silent in the middle of the Atlantic occ n—that a representations in stone of the Oise, on either side of the large at length seated himself on one of swhich municipal foreight and one of the syng due respect for the revolutionlies by the side of his master. A fearful imprecation falls distinctly on the listener's ear,

and as he passes through the buildings and the asked Aveling.

"You only kep' half your bargain," replied Grit; "you dodged out of the rest. But, fair's fair, and settlin time's come, Mark; that's a fact."

"It wasn't convenient for me to pay you at the time," resumed Mark, but I gave you money's worth. Fil keep to the bargain we money's worth. I'll keep to the bargain we made, if—if you will, Zach."

What I bargained to do, I'll do," said Zach; and plunged; and where the murdered man ground is all cut up where the horse struggled and plunged; and where the murdered man fell, there is more than one pool of blood. the swamp. The long grass lies all one way, flattened down, and here and there torn up. Some heavy body has evidently been dragged on the fatal spot itself, is there trace of the lost

science with the reflection that the place is retorted Zach; "but it's money down, this time, Mr. Aveling."

Aveling got up and went to his bureau, his every movement closely watched by Grit.

Opening an inner drawer, he took out a bundle of French bank notes, which he deposited to the best of the set of the denizens of the rank pool have comtheir disgusting meal, and, ere suntill not have left a vestige of what was re expressly for them to feed upon. He ide, exulting in the crime he has comand in the thought that no human knows of it, when he encounters the gaze of a man, whom he at once reother to interest fall him not. The two come to nerves fall him not. The two come to a their disgusting meal, and, ere suntile dubious shake of his shining hat. "She's a stray waif that I picked up on the Liverpool docks. Don't know her belongings; she was labelled for New York, it seems. Her name he asked. "Matida was your darling's name; and then, how should she stray to that corner of the United States?"

But the mother's hope was stronger than her fears. She scarcely ate or slept, weak though she was, until she reached the Southern city whose name the catalogue had borne. "Hamilton? Yes, we have a pupil by that name," replied the bland superintendent, in answer to her first question of trembling eager-measurements." menced their disgusting meal, and, ere sun-down, will not have left a vestige of what was "There's your money," said he, twisting up the notes, and tossing them across to Zach.
"You've happened to hit your time. Had we met yesterday morning, I could not have accommodated you. We will cry quits now, Mr.

Gait?"

down, will not have left a vestige of what was cast there expressly for them to feed upon. He turns acide, exulting in the crime he has committed, and in the thought that no human being knows of it, when he encounters the steady gaze of a man, whom he at once recognized. commodated you. We will cry quits now, bit.

Grit."

The party addressed nodded his head, and, in turn, deliberately counted the notes, but in turn, deliberately counted the perform the his iron nerves fail him not. The two come to his iron nerves fail him not. The two come to his iron nerves fail him not.

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The fact is," responded Aveling, "you were the very last person I expected to meet with in the very last person I expected to meet with in the rabble—a term commonly made use of butting them away with the other papers.

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Little Provence.

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oret, that others were privy to it. He durst not look up, but sat, groaning, even sobbing, with his face buried in his hands.

"Mark Avoling," said Zach, presently, "you aint used me well, and of I wur a mind to it, I needn't to go fur for revenge. But, come, don't be a coward. It aint my interest to hang you, and unless you gives me reason to the contrary, I'll keep my mouth shut."

"But—the—the others"—gasped Aveling; "What do they know? Who are they?"

"I reckon I aint bound to tell or or or, replied Zach; "and as to what they knows, may be it's as well not to be too particlar to indeed the contract of the down and the rest of us were hurrying, hauling and pulling hither and thither, working for dear life against the winds and waves, the pret-

be it's as well not to be too partic ar to inquire—but I'll tell you what I know id."

Aveling looked eagerly at Zach, his countenance drawn down by intense anx ety.

"It warn't there when you look?" for it,"

added Zach. "What wasn't there-and wher do you mean?" asked Mark. "It," answered the other. "Ed ard Wilmot! Leastways, I means his body. It didn't stop in the place where you put it, I lark, and the halligators never got it. I seef them as

a'most as soon as you was gone." A glimpse of the truth flashed acr. 's Mark's mind—he leaped to his feet, dashing his clenched fist on the marble table, as he whemently

moved it, and what's more, I seen

Niggers in the swamp, by all the 's damna-"There was a white man ar ong 'em, Mark," observed Zach, "and he helded."

Aveling began pacing the aparty lent, pondering over the disclosure, and reflecting on the position in which it placed his. Zach

"I guess you've took the measu's of the ground by this time, Mark; and I medn't for to tell a smart man like you how the liw stands consarnin' of nigger evidence. Ef>you'il let me advise, I'd jest kip quiet. It's two year

Mark stopped short, and faced Gr.t.
"Zach," said he, "you know more than is
good for me, or for yourself either. But I have thought it out, and my mind's made up. I In the attempt, he drops the weapon that inflicted the deadly blow, but soon becomes so
intent upon dragging the warm corpse to the
borders of the swamp, where alligators and obmind on this matter. And now, please to leave

"Well, I don't kear to inquire, returned He put the key into the lock a he spoke, keeping his eye on Mark the while and, hav-

MITTIE, THE BLIND CHIL !

enstomer, Mark, and done me over. This time I means to be cuter; that's the idea."

"Well, sir," repied Aveling, doggedly, "and "Well, sir," repied Aveling, doggedly, "and will conceal himself, and await the last act of shine, the beauty of the flowers, the doggedly former and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers, the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers, and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers and sounds about her, and would feel the state of shine, the state of shine, the beauty of the flowers are shines. Plash! How distinctly that sound breaks on mother's smile! Listen, now, to the story of a warm tears dropping, one by one, on her fore-

reaching his hand towards the chi'd. She stopped her play, looked up as though observed Zach, with an imperturbable decision starts, during which he is still groping about of manner, "but it aint never been used like it after the something he has lost. He resolves half frightened, half astonished; sid then beto search for it again by day-light. He will gan carefully to croep toward the cutstretched tomb of her kindred. One hope only made her steal away into the wood when the sun is well hand. He lifted her to his lap, and kissed her heart bound, and her pale cheek grew paler.

The first, or castern

ter smile, "you intend to extort more money up, and will not leave the spot till he has recovered the fatal weapon. It is a bright morn"I'm clean used up, Mark," retorted Zach; ing, and everything around him teems with "and if I don't go for money to them as owes life. He has put on a different suit of apparel, touching tone. "Only God takes o're of me-"I'm nobody's little girl," she r plied, in a touching tone. "Only God takes c rc of me-

"How, where is your mamma?",
"Mamma is in Burrampooter; I'm not her
little girl any more "—here a tear 'olied down "I'm going to New York," she toms and sights; for I must hasten to the end

soon see your uncle."
"I can't see, sir," she said, softly.
Mr. L. startled, and looked down into those

"Mittie! hey, Mittie!" called a bluff voice, she murmured. behind the mast. "Eh, birdie, what new nest was sent from me to perish alone. Often I feel lines at different seasons of the year, enable me One which we had occasion to kill for food

Aveling seatched at the paper, which he instantly tore into fragments, scattering them about the floor.

"What I bargained fix do, I'll do," said Zach, one over him, though two years hell elapsed on more, nor no less."

"What do you meen?" exclaimed Aveling. "What is perceptible emphasis; "I won's do no more, nor no less."

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"Well I sint a going for to be bound for them as known a'most as much as I do, that's a leapsed their work, and the sound in the centain and mate of the Sally were think in the centain as the the capta

back, and the rest of us were hurrying, haul-ing and pulling hither and thither, working for dear life against the winds and waves, the pretty creature was rolling about the cabin floor, clapping her hands as though she were in an apple-tree swing, and found it capital fun! When I tumbled down to my locker for five minutes' rest, I found her on her knees, in her little night wrapper, saying, 'Our Father,' and I felt sure no storm would sink the ship with her on it!

Poor mother of Mittie! how her heart was wrung at sending her blind, trusting child from her arms! But her brother in America had written, telling her that he would provide for Mittie, poor sightless Mittie, who could learn little in that uncivilized land. So, with many tears and prayers, that missionary mother had her in the care of a friend—the English lady before mentioned—to be transported to our country. What but a mother's prayer guarded the helpless darling in her lonely wander-

On arriving at New York, Captain I-and Mr. — made isquiry everywhere for Mr. Wythe. Directories were searched, streets ranscked, and questions repeated hundreds of times, to no purpose. No relative of the poor blind Mittie could be found.

"Leave her with me, captain," said Mr. -I am soon to return to London, but, before sailing, I will place her in an asylum for the blind, and see that she is comfortably cared

Instead, however, of placing Mittie in the State Asylum of New York, her friend took her to a Southern city, where he had business connections, and left her in one of those beauiful retreats, which nature and art have combined to adorn for those whose eyes tell not night from day, nor beauty from deformity. Kind voices welcomed the little stranger, but they were voices she had never heard, nor hoped to hear. For the first time since she sobbed good-by on her mother's lap, her hope and faith faltered. She felt that she was alone

r, he forgot that she was not an orphan.
And Mr. L——? His sympathics had been out the mystery. But he was a man of the of the director, with permission to apply to him in any emergency, he returned to his English home—and only remembered the blind child of

Carrie climbed into his lap.
One among a hundred children, Mittie was well educated in all that the blind can learn. She was taught how to read the Bible, from ters. She learned to sew, to braid, and to write-strange thoughts that young head used to frame, for that unsteady hand to jot down in its crooked wanderings over the paper. She learned to sing sweet bymns of her schoolmates, and to touch for herself the keys of the piano, whose melodies had almost made her

"Mother! dear mother!" Mittie would cry, and wake-to find no mother. Years had passed-when again a ship was

yoiced girl of twelve. "Mamma, does it look "Matoma, did you live in any of those great

power of fascination. At the same moment, heavy drops of perspiration burst out from every pore, and his countenance became ghastly as that of a corpse. He read his own name on the half of the knife, and well he knew the "Ma, ma! plenty Pagodas here!" chimed as she looked on that shore of her nativity, for great prairie slope, spreading from the base of hundred miles of the mountainous country, Information obtained years before from the la

the first time in twenty years.
"Oh, God! could I see all my children be-I pass over the scene of her landing, and

The widow sighed. "God's will be done!" "Mittie! hey, Mittie!" called a bluff voice, she murmured. "But it is hard to feel that tions across this section, made before the present case the captain's varnished hat appeared from my little helpless innocent—my eldest born— ent one, and which carried me over various used in hunting, were in excellent condition.

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the lady's first word, Mittie had sprung from her position, and, throwing back the curls from her face, turned wildly from side to side. "What is that?" she cried, with cutstretch

ed arms. "That voice—speak again!"
"Mittie, my child!" cried Mrs. Hamilton springing to her side, and sinking, overpowered upon her knees.
"Mother, oh mother!" and Mittie fell into the arms that had cradled her in infancy. That was a moment never to be forgotten

Uncle Wythe Harris (for the mistake which had clouded so many years of the lifetime of her uncle for the last) found a pleasant cuttage her now happy family. What a loving wel-come the dear girls and boys, whom Heaven had blessed with the power of seeing their sister, gave to the wanderer, Mittie! comforted her mother's beart, making her forget her great bereavement-making her even forget to sorrow that she had a blind child, in

The sunshine of Mittie's girlhood came back to her spirit. The dear blind girl was the joy of the house. How could anybody cherish a feeling of discontent or poevishness, when that glad voice was pouring out its songs of thankfulness from morning until night! Ob, dear blind Mittie, never more—happy spirit that she was—mourned that God had not given her eyes to see. "He has given me back my mother," she once said, "and these precious brothers and eisters, and He will let me see them all in heaven!"- Little Pilgrim.

For the National Era. LONGINGS. BY BARRY BRAKE.

Will it be true, when in an earthly grave These forms of unillumined clay shall lie, That our unthralled souls shall walk for ave. Within the City of the Golden Pave, With golden harps, and shining crowns, and shining raiment, brave?

And true, that while our outworn bodies rest

In the deep, grateful silence of the tomb, Then, in the heavenly light that knows no gloom

We shall forget the woes that here opprest, And dwell forever near the throne of God, suprem Ah! then 'twere not a joyless doom to die; The grave's dark portal were no longer dark,

The spirit, freed, should lave itself in God's pur Then let me die : fain would I strive no more To make this cold, ungenial world my home; For 'mid its witcheries, as I careless roam, Still seem I " idly standing on a shore, Toying with shells," while Time's vast sea is sound

If thus in blest release from care and eark,

ing evermore. The world hath yielded yet no goblet brimmed With perfect joy, to fill my soul's fierce craving; No fountain's freshness my worn frame o'er-laving,

Nor Nature's out-going mimic, splendid Art, Nor Hope, Nor Love, can win unclouded gladnes From this vague, endless lack, that frets the soul

A fount where high aspirings have swift birth, Seeking fruition not in toys of Earth. But laying feeble grasp on loftier things

Yes, let me die; for in my heart up springs

gress are occupying public attention more par-ticularly with the subject of a Pacific Railway, I desire to effer to your paper for publication myself to mere results, in anticipation of a full-er report, with maps and illustrations, which

tween the 38th and 39th parallels of latitude;

the Sierra Blanca to the Missouri frontier, about 700 miles; the second, or middle section, comprehends the various Rocky Mountain ranges and inter-lying valleys, between the termination of the great plains at the foot of about six inches. The atmosphere is too cold that the distribution of the great plains at the foot of about six inches. The atmosphere is too cold the Upper Colorado valley the greatest depth of the upper Colorado valley, the greatest depth of the snow was among the places and aspons on the ridges, through either of Walker's passes.

When the Point was reached, I found the welcome to the house of her brother. I will termination of the great plains at the foot of not stop to tell you how many wonders the Indian-born children found in American city customs and sights; for I must hasten to the end her cheek. "I'm going to New York," she said, "to be uncle's little girl. Bu New York is a great way off, isn't it, sir?"

"Not a very long way, my child—you will soon see your uncle."

"I can't see, sir," she said, softly.

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was sent from me to perish alone. Often I feel lines at different seasons of the year, enable me One which we had occasion to kill for food as if it could not be—as if she were yet alive, to speak of it with the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in as side of the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in the passes, in which the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in the passes, in the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in the passes, in the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in the passes, in the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in the passes, in the confidence of intimate had on it about two inches of fat, being in the passes of the pas With a start and a bound, Mittie jumped and I should find her at some day."

knowledge. It is a plain of easy inclination, good order as any buffalo we had killed in Nointo his rough arms, and laid her cheek upon Providentially, as it proved, the mother was sweeping directly up to the foot of the mountvember on the Eastern plains. Over this valThere was no snow to be seen at all on its sweeping directly up to the foot of the mountains which dominate it as highlands do the
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"So-he, shipmate," continued the captain, addressing Mr. L, "you are aloft at last. She cottained a circular from a distant city, and glanced over it indifferently, so often had starch out of your landsfolk." And he laughed. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling road the tions of the binding is made in every direction. For a railway or a winter travelling road the tions of the bindians informed us that show a saw it at the time.

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ourney resulted in showing a very easy grade or a road, over a country unobstructed either oy snow or other impediments, and having all the elements necessary to the prosperity of an traordinary masses, in some parts accumulated agricultural population, in fertility of soil, into mountains, which comb out in crests of abundance of food for stock, wood and coal solid iron thirty feet thick, and a hundred yards for fuel, and timber for necessary construc- long.

ed with many passes, grouped together in a we here encountered being about up to the small space of country, conducting by short saddle skirts, or four feet; this occurring only and practicable valleys from the waters of the Arkansas just described, to the valleys of the exposures, and in the small mountain flats Del Norte and East Colorado. The Sierra hemmed in by woods and hitls. In the valley mother and child was that of Mittie in substi-tuting—child that she was—the first name of and rugged, presenting a very broken appear-none at all. On our arrival at the Mormon on the banks of the Hudson for his sister and her now happy family. What a loving well-come the dear girls and boys, whom Heaven ance, but rises abruptly from the open country settlements, February 8th, we found it a few ley, and entirely unobstructed by outlying ranges or broken country. To the best of these passes the ascent is along the open valley since the establishment of this colony. of water courses, uniform and very gradual in ascent. Standing immediately at the mouth been occupied with their ploogbs, preparing her joy at feeling that she had another living of the Sand Hill Pass-one of the most practi- the land for grain. cable in the Sierra Blanca, and above those usually travelled—at one of the remotest headsprings of the Huerfano river, the eye of the the mountainous plateau between the Wahs stell traveller follows down without obstruction or abrupt descent along the gradual slope of the Two routes here suggested themselves to me valley to the great plains which reach the for examination; one directly across the plains which reach the open teau between the 37th and 38th parallels; the valley form, with the plains beyond, one great other keeping to the south of the mountains

series of daguerrootype views, comprehending the face of the country almost continuously, 1848-49; and in 1851 I again passed through or at least sufficiently so to give a thoroughly them both, bringing three thousand head of

section, and continued its western course over uched snow in the crossing. Up to this point among mountains with fertile soil, and grass we had enjoyed clear and dry pleasant weath and woods abundant, give it the appearance of an unfinished country.

Commencing at the 38th, we struck the for the winter, there had been abundant leisure.

Sierra Nevada, on about the 37th parallel. for becoming acquainted with the country, about the 15th March.

necting more directly with the Arkansas val- February and 17th of March, we had severa ley, known as the Poow-che.

But the winter had now set in over all the and heavy thunder; but the snow remained or mountain regions, and the country was so the valley grounds only a few hours after the constantly enveloped and hidden with clouds, storm was over. It forms not the least imped which rested upon it, and the air so darkened liment at any time of the winter. I was proby falling snow, that exploring became difficult pared to find the Sierra here broad, rugged and dangerous, precisely where we full most and blecked up with snow, and was not disa-interested in making a thorough examination. pointed in my expectation. The first range

The horses of the Utahs were living on the

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At this season, their farmers had usually

slope, without a hill to break the line of sight or obstruct the course of the road. On either side of this line, hills slope easily to the river, with lines of timber and yellow autumnal the San Joaquin Valley. This route down the grass, and the water which flows smoothly be- Virgin river had been examined the year between is not interrupted by a fall in its course fore, with a view to settlement this summer, by to the ocean. The surrounding country is wooded with these and covered with laxuriant grasses, up to the very crags of the central summits. On the 8th of December we found the whole of this country free from snow, and corn and melons, and the rich ground in many Daguerre views taken at this time show the grass entirely uncovered in the passes.

The description Passes are two—one of them (from the Along all this line the elevation was care- abundance of vines at its lower end) called fully determined by frequent barometrical ob- Cazon de las Uvas. They were of long use, servations, and its character exhibited by a and were examined by me, and their prac-

or at least sufficiently so to give a thoroughly correct impression of the whole.

Two tunnel-like passes pierce the mountains here, almost in juxtaposition, connecting the plain country on either side by short passages, five to eight miles long. The mountains which they perforate constitute the only obstruction, and are the only break in the plane or valley more direct towards San Francisco, and preference of the country of these passes, and confiding in the report or Major Steele as to the intermediate country, I determined to take the other, (between the 37th and 38th perallels,) it recommending itself to me as being more direct towards San Francisco, and preference on the free thousand head of cattle through one of them. line of road from the frontier of Missouri to erable on that account for a road, if suitable the summit hills of the Rocky Mountains, a dis- ground could be found; and also as being untance of about 850 miles, or more than half way known, the Mormons informing me that varitravelled by wagons, commands an open view to examine this one in the interest of geogradition with one explored in 1848-49, from the city, (eighteen miles west of Parowan) We mouth of the Kansas to this point, and the found the country a high table land, bristling results of both will be embodied in a fuller re-

and sometimes accumulated into considerab At this place the line entered the middle ranges, with numerous open and low passes. an open valley country, admirably adapted for surrounded by mountains more or less cless? settlement, acrors the San Luis valley, and up the flat bottom lands of the Sah-watch to the as we advanced. The valleys are dry and na heights of the central ridge of the Rocky ked, without water or wood; but the moun Mountains. Across these wooded heights— tains are generally covered with grass, and wooded and grass-covered up to and over their rounded summits—to the Coc-cha-to-po pass, and occasional small streams are at remote high summit lands were forests of conferous man settlements and the Serra Nevada, over trees, and the snow in the pass was four inches distance of more than three hordred miles

The open character of the country, joined to On our route across, we had for the greate good information, indicated the existence of part of the time pleasant and rather wars This it was desirable to verify, and especially uncovered, but show over the upper parts of

was, in fact, the main object of our expedition.

Our progress in this mountainous region sweep to strike the Point of the California was necessarily slow, and during ten days which it occupied us to pass through about one breaks off, and declines into a lower tountry.

"I can't see, sir," she said, softly.

Mr. L. startled, and looked down into those bright, dark, intelligent eyes. Alas! it was too true! they were darkened windows, through the result of the country and into the countr

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